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### **North Dakota Department of Health Releases 2005 Drinking Water Compliance Report**

BISMARCK, N.D. – Information about North Dakota’s public water systems is available in the newly released 2005 Drinking Water Compliance Report prepared by the North Dakota Department of Health.

North Dakota public water systems maintain an excellent Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) compliance record. In 2005, the state health department issued 391 certificates of compliance to operators and public water systems.

“The purpose of the annual report is to improve consumer awareness of drinking water compliance issues,” said Larry Thelen, manager of the department’s Drinking Water Program. “People served by systems that incurred Safe Drinking Water Act (SDWA) violations in 2005 should have been informed of those violations by their water suppliers.”

All SDWA violations incurred in North Dakota in 2005 are included in the report. Also listed are violations recorded in 2006 and based on 2005 monitoring data.

“It’s important to understand that the majority of violations referred to in the 2005 report have been resolved,” Thelen said. “It is a significant challenge for public water systems and states to meet the ever-increasing number of requirements of the SDWA.”

To obtain a copy of the 2005 Drinking Water Compliance Report, write to the North Dakota Department of Health, Division of Municipal Facilities; 918 E. Divide Ave., 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor; Bismarck, N.D. 58501-1947, or call 701.328.5211. A summary of the report can be accessed on the department’s website at [www.ndhealth.gov](http://www.ndhealth.gov).

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